

1-1 By: Ellis S.B. No. 837  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 26, 2013; March 5, 2013,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental  
1-4 Relations; April 11, 2013, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 11, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Hinojosa	X			
1-9	Nichols	X			
1-10	Garcia	X			
1-11	Paxton	X			
1-12	Taylor	X			

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to the authority of a municipality to require owners of  
1-16 real property to keep the property free of certain conditions.

1-17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-18 SECTION 1. Section 342.004, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-19 amended to read as follows:

1-20 Sec. 342.004. MUNICIPAL POWER CONCERNING WEEDS OR CERTAIN  
1-21 PUBLIC NUISANCES [~~OTHER UNSANITARY MATTER~~]. The governing body of  
1-22 a municipality may require the owner of real property [~~a lot~~] in the  
1-23 municipality to keep the property [~~lot~~] free from weeds, [~~rubbish,~~  
1-24 brush, and a condition constituting a public nuisance as defined by  
1-25 Section 343.011(c)(1), (2), or (3) [~~other objectionable,~~  
1-26 ~~unsightly, or unsanitary matter~~].

1-27 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-28 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-29 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-30 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-31 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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